
Wisconsin Karner Blue Butterfly Habitat Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement

Chapter 2: Statewide Karner Blue Butterfly Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)

I. Amendments for Future Species Listings

If a currently unlisted species is federally listed as endangered or threatened pursuant to the ESA after the ITP has been issued, and the partners desire incidental take coverage for that species, the DNR shall coordinate with the USFWS on a permit amendment to include the newly listed species.

This process shall entail the review of the HCP and conservation agreements to determine if the conservation measures identified in those documents are adequate for conservation of the newly listed species. If determined adequate by both parties, the DNR shall request an amendment to the ITP to include the newly listed species.

If conservation of the species is not adequately covered by the HCP and conservation agreements, the DNR shall submit a revised or supplementary HCP and supporting documentation including amended conservation agreements (as appropriate) with the request to amend the ITP. While DNR may negotiate an amendment to include other species, participation regarding additional species through this amendment provision is on a partner-by-partner basis, and would only bind a partner should they choose to amend their own conservation agreement. Any permit amendment for take of newly listed species would only cover those partners with conservation agreements that conserve the species. The USFWS is responsible for completing environmental compliance documents under NEPA (although the DNR may assist with this process) and for all internal compliance under section 7 of the ESA.

Additional procedural information on amendments can be found in Part H of Chapter II (pages 173-175).

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